



📍 On the Brunig pass



Day 6:

Wengen → Interlaken → Lucerne



Distance:

95 Kilometers



Climbing:

1300 Meters

Points of Interest:

- ★ Possible boat ride across Lake Brienz
- ★ Views from the Brunig Pass
- ★ Drinks in Sarnen
- ★ Old Town Lucerne
- ★ Mount Pilatus (if staying more than one night)

Trains from Wengen for Interlaken OST leave at 3 and 33 past and take 50 minutes.

You've got your biggest and most challenging climb at the end of the morning: the Brunig Pass.

If the weather is fine, then we recommend going OFF Route 9 for the first part of this morning. Follow the RideWithGPS route by taking the road north of Lake Brienz until the town of Brienz.

If the weather is terrible or you want a change of pace, take the boat across the lake. Board from Interlaken and take bikes with. The dock is right next to the train station (see RideWithGPS). The boat leaves at 9:07, so requires an early wake-up. You arrive in Brienz at 10:20. The price with your bike is around 30 Chf. Confirm times with hotel.

Once across the lake in the town of Brienz, get back on your bike and ride to Meiringen. If the weather is bad and you want to stay out of the rain, it's also possible to take the train from Brienz to Meiringen, or even go all the way to Lucerne. But the train schedule is tight once you get off the boat, so if you know beforehand, it is best to buy train tickets the day before at the Interlaken Ost train station or with your phone using the SBB app.

Of course, there are lots of options. Here's another: when the boat docks in Brienz, get off and ride your bike to Meiringen. Once there, catch the train up the Brunig pass. This option requires lots of hustle: you have only 40 minutes to do the 15 km from Brienz to Meiringen. The train over the Brunig pass leaves Meiringen at 42 after.



📍 Enjoy the stops along the way

Of course, the train is every hour, so you can always catch the next. When putting the bike on this train, buy one regular ticket and one ½ price ticket (which covers your bike's fare). There is a special car without seats where you can put your bike. If you've got time to kill, there is a good cafeteria in the Migros near the station.

You could also take the cable car with your bikes from Meiringen up to Hasliberg. You'll find the cablecar marked on RideWithGPS. It leaves every 20 minutes or so. Once in Hasliberg, follow signs to Brunig.

Of course, it's possible to ride everything. Keep in mind that there is a 4 or 5 kilometer gravel section at the beginning of the Brunig Pass climb which can be a bit rough, especially if it has rained.

If you do climb the Brunig, bring plenty of water and snacks before leaving Meiringen. When cycling down the Brunig, keep in mind that there is an easy-to-miss turn at the bottom which is marked on RWGPS. The rest of the day is scenic and much easier....but it's a long day.



📍 Lucerne. A lot to explore

Consider stopping at the beer garden in Sarnen marked with a beer icon on RWGPS,

Lucerne is a great city to explore. I especially recommend the bath house on the lake for drinks and maybe even supper. Just pay a small fee to enter, swim and enjoy the lake.

The *Rathaus* restaurant on the river is a popular micro-brewery with lots of Swiss German specialties. If you're spending more than one night in Lucerne and the weather is bad, I strongly recommend the Swiss Transport museum. It's more exciting than the name implies.

If in town for more than one day and the weather is nice, consider taking the world's steepest cogwheel train up Mount Pilatus for some incredible views. Just take the train (or boat) from Lucerne to Alpnachstad and then the cogwheel train up to Pilatus.

Otherwise, you could also take a short train ride (or bike ride) to Kriens which has a gondola going up to Pilatus.